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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 01R-14-R2

Patrick Foye
Executive Director
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
225 Park Avenue South
New York, NY 10003-1604

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Director Foye:

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received a complaint filed against the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (Port Authority) on January 28, 2014, alleging a violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 C.F.R Part 7.

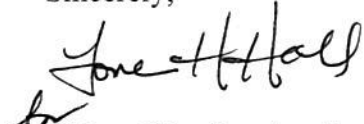
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EPA's nondiscrimination regulations also provide that OCR must attempt to resolve complaints informally whenever possible (40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(2)). Accordingly, if the complaint is accepted for investigation, OCR may discuss offers to informally resolve the complaint, and may, to the extent appropriate, facilitate an informal resolution process with the involvement of affected stakeholders.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Jerett Yan of my staff at (202) 564-3113, via e-mail at yan.jerett@epa.gov, or via

mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights, (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20460.

Sincerely,


for Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Acting Deputy Director

Enclosures

cc: Kenneth Redden, Acting Assistant General Counsel
Civil Rights and Finance Law Office (MC 2399A)

Mavis Johnson
U.S. EPA Region 2
290 Broadway
Mail Code: 23rd FL
New York, NY 10007-1866



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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 02R-14-R4

(b) (6)

Sebastian, FL 32958-6483

RE: Notification and Rejection of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This letter is in response to your administrative complaint that was received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR) on January 13, 2014. Your complaint alleges that you are being harassed and that Dr. Brian LaPointe, a research professor at the Florida Atlantic University, is defrauding the Federal government and perhaps violating the EPA nondiscrimination regulations.


Pursuant to the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) conducts a preliminary review of discrimination complaints to determine acceptance, rejection, or referral (See 40 C.F.R. § 7.120(d) (1)). For a complaint to be accepted for investigation, the complaint must meet the jurisdictional requirements described in the EPA's Part 7 regulations (nondiscrimination regulations).

First, the complaint must be in writing. Second, the complaint must describe an alleged discriminatory act that, if true, would violate the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations (*i.e.*, an alleged discriminatory act based on race, color, national origin, sex, or disability). Third, the complaint must be filed within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act. Finally, the complaint must be filed against an applicant for, or recipient of, EPA assistance that allegedly committed the discriminatory act. For your reference, a copy of the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations is enclosed.

After careful consideration by OCR, the EPA cannot accept your allegations for investigation because they do not meet the jurisdictional requirements described in the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations. The EPA has concluded that Florida Atlantic University is not a recipient of the EPA's financial assistance. Moreover, you must describe a discriminatory act that, if true, would violate the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations. You do not state a specific discriminatory act in your letter, other than alleging you are being harassed. Further, you do not specifically identify the entity harassing you.

Pursuant to our nondiscrimination regulations, the EPA finds that it lacks legal jurisdiction to investigate your complaint further and is rejecting the complaint on such grounds. If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Ericka Farrell of the OCR External Compliance Program at (202) 564-0717, or via electronic mail at farrell.ericka@epa.gov.

Sincerely,


Velveta Golightly-Howell
Director

Enclosure

cc: Kevin Redden, Assistant General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office (MC 2399A)

Ken LaPierre, Deputy Civil Rights Official
EPA Region 4

Naima Halim-Chestnut, EEO Officer
EPA Region IV



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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 03A-14-R6

(b) (6)

Waller, Texas 77484-0287

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received your administrative complaint against the County Commissioner Frank Pokluda and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) on March 12, 2014, alleging a violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, (Title VI), 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 C.F.R. Part 7.

Pursuant to the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, the OCR conducts a preliminary review of complaints to determine acceptance, rejection, or referral. 40 C.F.R. § 7.120(d)(1). To be accepted for investigation, a complaint must meet the jurisdictional requirements described in the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations. First, it must be in writing. Second, it must describe an alleged discriminatory act that, if true, would violate the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations (*i.e.*, an alleged discriminatory act based on race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability). Third, it must be filed within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act. Finally, the complaint must be filed against an applicant for, or recipient of the EPA assistance that allegedly committed the discriminatory act. 40 C.F.R. § 7.15.

The OCR will review the complaint for acceptance, rejection, or referral to another Federal agency. 40 C.F.R. § 7.120(d)(1). Once this jurisdictional review is complete, the OCR will notify you about its decision.

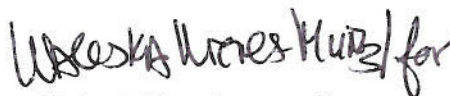
If the complaint is accepted for investigation, it may become necessary for the OCR to reveal your identity to persons to the County Commissioner Frank Pokluda and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Please read the enclosed consent/release form, as well as the information about your rights and protections. Please

complete the consent/release form and return the form to the address below within ten (10) calendar days after your receipt of this letter.

The EPA's nondiscrimination regulations also provide that the OCR must attempt to resolve complaints informally whenever possible (40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(2)). Accordingly, if the complaint is accepted for investigation, the OCR may discuss offers to informally resolve the complaint, and may, to the extent appropriate, facilitate an informal resolution process with the involvement of affected stakeholders.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact, Waleska Nieves-Munoz via telephone at (202) 564-7103, via e-mail at nieves-munoz.waleska@epa.gov, or via mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20460.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Waleska Nieves Munoz for".

Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Acting Deputy Director
Office of Civil Rights

Enclosures

cc: Kenneth Redden, Acting Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office (MC 2399A)

Nellie Roblez
US EPA REGION VI
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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 03A-14-R6

Frank Pokluda
Precinct 2 Commissioner
Waller County Texas
836 Austin, Suite 203
Hempstead, TX 77445-4672

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mr. Pokluda:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received an administrative complaint against the County Commissioner Frank Pokluda and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) on March 12, 2014, alleging a violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, (Title VI), 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 C.F.R Part 7. (A copy of the redacted complaint is enclosed)

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nieves-munoz.waleska@epa.gov, or via mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20460.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Helena Wooden-Aguilar".

Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Acting Deputy Director
Office of Civil Rights

Enclosures

cc: Kenneth Redden, Acting Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office (MC 2399A)

Samuel Coleman
Acting Deputy Regional Administrator Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue
Suite 1200
Dallas, Texas 75202

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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 03A-14-R6

Bryan W. Shaw, Ph.D, P.E
Chairman
Texas Commission On Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
Mail Code 100
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mr. Shaw:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received an administrative complaint against the County Commissioner Frank Pokluda and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) on March 12, 2014, alleging a violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, (Title VI), 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 C.F.R Part 7. (A copy of the redacted complaint is enclosed).

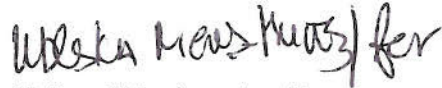
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Sincerely,

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Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Acting Deputy Director
Office of Civil Rights

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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 04D-14-R10

(b) (6)

Kendrick, Idaho 83537-5027

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received your letter of administrative complaint against the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, dated March 17, 2014, alleging violations of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Pursuant to the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, the OCR conducts a preliminary review of complaints to determine acceptance, rejection, or referral (40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(1)). To be accepted for investigation, a complaint must meet the jurisdictional requirements described in the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations. First, the complaint must be in writing. Second, it must describe an alleged discriminatory act that, if true, would violate the EPA's nondiscrimination regulation (i.e., an alleged discriminatory act based on race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability). Third, it must be filed within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act. Finally, the complaint must be filed against an applicant for, or recipient of, the EPA assistance associated with the alleged discriminatory act (40 C.F.R. § 7.15).

The OCR will review the complaint for acceptance, rejection, or referral to another Federal agency (40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(1)). Once this jurisdictional review is complete, the OCR will notify you about its decision.

If the complaint is accepted for investigation, it may become necessary for the OCR to reveal your identity to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Please read the enclosed consent/release form, as well as the information about your rights and protections. Please complete the consent/release form and return the form to the address below within ten (10) calendar days after your receipt of this letter.

The EPA's nondiscrimination regulations also provide that the OCR must attempt to resolve complaints informally whenever possible (40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(2)). Accordingly, if the complaint is accepted for investigation, the OCR may discuss offers to informally resolve the complaint, and may, to the extent appropriate, facilitate an informal resolution process with the involvement of affected stakeholders.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Jeryl Covington of my staff at (202) 564-7713, via e-mail at covington.jeryl@epa.gov, or via mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20460.

Sincerely,



Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Acting Deputy Director
Office of Civil Rights

Enclosures

cc: Kenneth Redden, Acting Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights and Finance Law Office (MC 2399A)

Michelle Pirzadeh, Deputy Civil Rights Official
EPA REGION 10

Victoria Plata EEO Official
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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 05R-14-R9

(b) (6)

Oakland, California 94607-1513

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received your letter of administrative complaint against the City of Oakland, North American 3PL, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, and the Port of Oakland, on May 9, 2014, alleging violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Pursuant to the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, the OCR conducts a preliminary review of complaints to determine acceptance, rejection, or referral (40 C.F.R. § 7.120(d)(1)). To be accepted for investigation, a complaint must meet the jurisdictional requirements described in the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations. First, the complaint must be in writing. Second, it must describe an alleged discriminatory act that, if true, would violate the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations (*i.e.*, an alleged discriminatory act based on race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability). Third, it must be filed within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act. Finally, the complaint must be filed against an applicant for, or recipient of, the EPA assistance associated with the alleged discriminatory act (40 C.F.R. § 7.15).

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If the complaint is accepted for investigation, it may become necessary for the OCR to reveal your identity to persons at the City of Oakland, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and North American 3PL. Please carefully read the enclosed consent/release

form, as well as, the information about your rights and protections. Please complete the consent/release form and return the form to the address below within ten (10) calendar days after your receipt of this letter.

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In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Katsumi Keeler by telephone at (202) 564-2347, by e-mail at keeler.katsumi@epa.gov, or by mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights, (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20460.

Sincerely,



Helena Wooden-Aguilar
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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 05R-14-R9

Linda Barnett
Asst. Director, Privacy and Diversity Office
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
1000 2nd Avenue, Suite 2200
Seattle, Washington 98104-1020

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Ms. Barnett:

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received an administrative complaint, dated May 9, 2014, against U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the City of Oakland, North American 3PL, and the Port of Oakland alleging violations of Title VI of the U.S. Civil Rights Act.

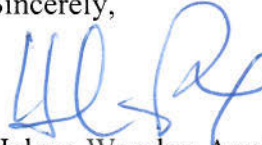
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Sincerely,



Helena Wooden-Aguilar
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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 05R-14-R9

Clement Chin
Kevin Shimamoto
North American 3PL
1700 20th Street
Oakland, California 94612-1639

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mr. Chin and Mr. Shimamoto:

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received an administrative complaint, dated May 9, 2014, against North American 3PL, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the City of Oakland, and North American 3PL alleging violations of Title VI of the U.S. Civil Rights Act.

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Sincerely,



Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Acting Deputy Director
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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 05R-14-R9

Henry Gardner
Interim City Administrator
1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
Oakland, California 94612-1932

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mr. Gardner:

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received an administrative complaint, dated May 9, 2014, against the City of Oakland, North American 3PL, the Port of Oakland, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection alleging violations of Title VI of the U.S. Civil Rights Act.

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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 05R-14-R9

Chris Lytle
Executive Director
530 Water Street
Oakland, California 94607-3524

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mr. Lytle:

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received an administrative complaint, dated May 9, 2014, against the Port of Oakland, the City of Oakland, North American 3PL, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection alleging violations of Title VI of the U.S. Civil Rights Act.

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In Reply Refer to:

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Mayor Eric Garcetti
The City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Notification of Receipt and Rejection of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mayor Garcetti:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received correspondence from an individual on June 7, 2014, with subsequent written clarification received on December 29, 2014. In both letters, the individual alleged that the County of Los Angeles; the City of Los Angeles; the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board; the Los Angeles Unified School District; and the Shell Oil Company discriminated. More precisely, the letters included allegations that the failure of these entities to address underground pollution and contaminated soil removal in the Watts neighborhood of Los Angeles has a discriminatory impact on the adjacent African American community. Because the OCR is responsible for processing and investigating complaints alleging discrimination by EPA recipients of federal financial assistance in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d *et seq.*, as amended, and EPA implementing regulations at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 7, we construed the correspondence as such a complaint. The OCR, however, has concluded that it cannot accept the complaint for investigation.

Pursuant to the EPA's nondiscrimination administrative regulations, the OCR conducts a preliminary review of administrative complaints for acceptance, rejection, or referral to the appropriate agency. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 7.120(d)(1). For a complaint to be accepted for investigation, the complaint must meet the jurisdictional requirements described in the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations. First, the complaint must be in writing. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 7.120(b)(1)). Second, the complaint must describe an alleged discriminatory act that, if true, may violate the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations (*i.e.*, an alleged discriminatory act based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability). *Id.* Third, the complaint must be filed within 180 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory act. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 7.120(b)(2). Finally, the complaint must be filed against an applicant for, or a recipient of, EPA financial assistance that

allegedly committed the discriminatory act. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 7.15. For your reference, we have enclosed a copy of the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations.

After careful review of the provided information, the OCR is rejecting the subject complaint because it is untimely. Pursuant to the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, a complaint must be filed within 180 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory act. The information provided identifies incidents that allegedly occurred from the 1950s through 2002.

If you have any questions, please contact Brittany Martinez of the OCR's External Compliance Program by telephone at (202) 564-0727, via e-mail at Martinez.Brittany@epa.gov, or via mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights, (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Velveta Golightly-Howell" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Velveta Golightly-Howell
Director

Enclosure



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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Certified Mail#: 7004-1160-0002-3622-9537

In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 08R-14-R9

(b) (6)

Irvine, California 92614-5483

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received your letter of administrative complaint against the City of Irvine, the County of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Review Board, and the Los Angeles Unified School District on June 7, 2014 alleging violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended 42 U.S.C. 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 C.F.R Part 7.

Pursuant to the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, the OCR conducts a preliminary review of complaints to determine acceptance, rejection, or referral (40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(1)). To be accepted for investigation, a complaint must meet the jurisdictional requirements described in the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations. First, the complaint must be in writing. Second, it must describe an alleged discriminatory act that, if true, would violate the EPA's nondiscrimination regulation (i.e., an alleged discriminatory act based on race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability). Third, it must be filed within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act. Finally, the complaint must be filed against an applicant for, or recipient of, the EPA assistance associated with the alleged discriminatory act (40 C.F.R. § 7.15).

The OCR will review the complaint for acceptance, rejection, or referral to another Federal agency (40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(1)). Once this jurisdictional review is complete, the OCR will notify you about its decision.

If the complaint is accepted for investigation, it may become necessary for the OCR to reveal your identity to the City of Irvine, the County of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Review Board, and the Los Angeles Unified School District. Please read the enclosed consent/release form, as well as, the information about

your rights and protections. Please complete the consent/release form and return the form to the address below within ten (10) calendar days after your receipt of this letter.

The EPA's nondiscrimination regulations also provide that the OCR must attempt to resolve complaints informally whenever possible (40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(2)). Accordingly, if the complaint is accepted for investigation, the OCR may discuss offers to informally resolve the complaint, and may, to the extent appropriate, facilitate an informal resolution process with the involvement of affected stakeholders.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Allison Gabala of my staff at (202) 564-9828, via e-mail at gabala.allison@epa.gov, or Brittany Martinez at (202) 564-0727, via email at martinez.brittany@epa.gov, or via mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20460.

Sincerely,



Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Acting Deputy Director
Office of Civil Rights

Enclosures

cc: Kenneth Redden, Acting Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights and Finance Law Office (MC 2399A)

Alexis Strauss, Deputy Civil Rights Official
EPA Region 9

Gina Edwards, EEO Official
EPA Region 9



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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 09R-14-R4

(b) (6)
[Redacted address block]

Maury, NC 28554-0039

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6):

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received your letter of administrative complaint against the Greene Correctional Institution operated by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, on June 27, 2014, alleging violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended 42 U.S.C. 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 C.F.R Part 7.

Pursuant to the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, the OCR conducts a preliminary review of complaints to determine acceptance, rejection, or referral (40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(1)). To be accepted for investigation, a complaint must meet the jurisdictional requirements described in the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations. First, the complaint must be in writing. Second, it must describe an alleged discriminatory act that, if true, would violate the EPA's nondiscrimination regulation (i.e., an alleged discriminatory act based on race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability). Third, it must be filed within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act. Finally, the complaint must be filed against an applicant for, or recipient of, the EPA assistance associated with the alleged discriminatory act (40 C.F.R. § 7.15).

The OCR will review the complaint for acceptance, rejection, or referral to another Federal agency (40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(1)). Once this jurisdictional review is complete, the OCR will notify you about its decision.

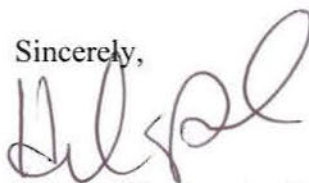
If the complaint is accepted for investigation, it may become necessary for the OCR to reveal your identity to the Greene Correctional Institution and/or the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. Please read the enclosed consent/release form, as

well as, the information about your rights and protections. Please complete the consent/release form and return the form to the address below within ten (10) calendar days after your receipt of this letter.

The EPA's nondiscrimination regulations also provide that the OCR must attempt to resolve complaints informally whenever possible (40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(2)). Accordingly, if the complaint is accepted for investigation, the OCR may discuss offers to informally resolve the complaint, and may, to the extent appropriate, facilitate an informal resolution process with the involvement of affected stakeholders.

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Sincerely,



Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Acting Deputy Director
Office of Civil Rights

Enclosures

cc: Kenneth Redden, Acting Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights and Finance Law Office (MC 2399A)

Kenneth Lapierre, Deputy Civil Rights Official
EPA Region 4

Naima Halim-Chestnut, EEO Official
EPA Region 4



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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Certified Mail#: 7004-1160-0002-3622-9551

In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 10R-14-R9

(b) (6)

Portland, OR 97205

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received your letter of administrative complaint against the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA), on August 5, 2014, alleging violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 C.F.R Part 7.

Pursuant to the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, the OCR conducts a preliminary review of complaints to determine acceptance, rejection, or referral (40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(1)). To be accepted for investigation, a complaint must meet the jurisdictional requirements described in the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations. First, the complaint must be in writing. Second, it must describe an alleged discriminatory act that, if true, would violate the EPA's nondiscrimination regulation (i.e., an alleged discriminatory act based on race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability). Third, it must be filed within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act. Finally, the complaint must be filed against an applicant for, or recipient of, the EPA assistance associated with the alleged discriminatory act (40 C.F.R. § 7.15).

The OCR will review the complaint for acceptance, rejection, or referral to another Federal agency (40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(1)). Once this jurisdictional review is complete, the OCR will notify you about its decision.

If the complaint is accepted for investigation, it may become necessary for the OCR to reveal your identity to LRAPA. Please read the enclosed consent/release form, as well as the information about your rights and protections. Please complete the consent/release form and return the form to the address below within ten (10) calendar days after your receipt of this letter.

The EPA's nondiscrimination regulations also provide that the OCR must attempt to resolve complaints informally whenever possible (40 C.F.R. §7. 120(d)(2)). Accordingly, if the complaint is accepted for investigation, the OCR may discuss offers to informally resolve the complaint, and may, to the extent appropriate, facilitate an informal resolution process with the involvement of affected stakeholders.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Jerett Yan of my staff at (202) 564-3113, via e-mail at yan.jerett@epa.gov, or via mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely,



Katsumi Keeler
Acting Assistant Director
Office of Civil Rights

Enclosures

cc: Elise Packard, Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights and Finance Law Office (MC 2399A)

Alexis Strauss, Deputy Civil Rights Official
EPA Region 9

Betsy Shaw, Deputy Civil Rights Official
Office of Air and Radiation



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Certified Mail#: 7004-1160-0002-3622-9544

In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 10R-14-R9

Mike Fleck
Chair, Board of Directors
Lane Regional Air Protection Agency
1010 Main Street
Springfield, OR 97477

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mr. Fleck:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received a letter of administrative complaint against the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA), on August 5, 2014, alleging violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 C.F.R Part 7.

Pursuant to the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, the OCR conducts a preliminary review of complaints to determine acceptance, rejection, or referral (40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(1)). To be accepted for investigation, a complaint must meet the jurisdictional requirements described in the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations. First, the complaint must be in writing. Second, it must describe an alleged discriminatory act that, if true, would violate the EPA's nondiscrimination regulation (i.e., an alleged discriminatory act based on race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability). Third, it must be filed within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act. Finally, the complaint must be filed against an applicant for, or recipient of, the EPA assistance associated with the alleged discriminatory act (40 C.F.R. § 7.15).

The OCR will review the complaint for acceptance, rejection, or referral to another Federal agency (40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(1)). Once this jurisdictional review is complete, the OCR will notify you about its decision.

The EPA's nondiscrimination regulations also provide that the OCR must attempt to resolve complaints informally whenever possible (40 C.F.R. §7. 120(d)(2)). Accordingly, if the complaint is accepted for investigation, the OCR may discuss offers to informally resolve the

complaint, and may, to the extent appropriate, facilitate an informal resolution process with the involvement of affected stakeholders.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Jerett Yan of my staff at (202) 564-3113, via e-mail at yan.jerett@epa.gov, or via mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely,

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Katsumi Keeler
Acting Assistant Director
Office of Civil Rights

Enclosures

cc: Elise Packard, Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights and Finance Law Office (MC 2399A)

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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No. 11R-14-R4

(b) (6)

New York, NY 10005-2967

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received your complaint on September 4, 2014. Your correspondence alleges that the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-7, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency's implementing regulations, 40 C.F.R. Part 7.


OCR is responsible for processing and investigating complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from EPA. Pursuant to EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, OCR reviews the complaint for acceptance, rejection, or referral to another Federal agency. 40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(1). Once this jurisdictional review is complete, OCR will notify you about its decision.

If your complaint is accepted for investigation, it may become necessary for OCR to reveal your identity to the entities listed above. Please read the enclosed consent/release form, as well as the information about your rights and protections. Please complete the consent/release form and return the form to the address below within ten (10) calendar days after your receipt of this letter.

EPA's nondiscrimination regulations also provide that OCR must attempt to resolve complaints informally whenever possible (40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(2)). Accordingly, if your complaint is accepted for investigation, OCR may discuss offers to informally resolve the complaint, and may, to the extent appropriate, facilitate an informal resolution process with the involvement of affected stakeholders.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Ericka Farrell of my staff at (202) 564-0717 or via e-mail at farrell.ericka@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. Wooden-Aguilar', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Acting Deputy Director
Office of Civil Rights

Enclosures

cc: Kevin Redden, Assistant General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office (MC 2399A)

Ken LaPierre, Deputy Civil Rights Official
EPA Region IV

Naima Halim-Chestnut, EEO Officer
EPA Region IV

Beverly Banister, Title VI Contact
EPA Region IV



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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 13R-14-R6

(b) (6)

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received your complaint on September 16, 2014, alleging that the Albuquerque Air Quality Division and Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board have violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VI), 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 7.

The OCR is responsible for processing and investigating complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. Pursuant to the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, the OCR will review the complaint for acceptance, rejection, or referral to another Federal agency. 40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(1). Once this jurisdictional review is completed, the OCR will notify you about its decision.

If your complaint is accepted for investigation, it may become necessary for the OCR to reveal your identity to the entities listed above. The EPA currently follows the Privacy Act, EPA-21 System of Record Routine Uses. You can further review this information at <http://www.epa.gov/privacy/notice/epa-21.htm>. This means regarding your rights and protection that EPA is permitted to disclose this information without receiving your prior written consent to the following:

- To the Department of Justice or other Federal and State agencies when necessary to complete an investigation, enforce the nondiscrimination statutes set forth in the Authority section of this Notice, or assure proper coordination between Federal agencies.

- To persons named as alleged discriminating officials to allow such persons the opportunity to respond to the allegations of discrimination made against them during the course of the discrimination complaint process.
- To any potential source of information when necessary to obtain information relevant to an OCR investigation of a discrimination complaint, but only to the extent necessary to inform the source of the Purpose(s) of the request and to identify the type of information requested.

The EPA's nondiscrimination regulations also provide that the OCR must attempt to resolve complaints informally whenever possible (40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(2)). Accordingly, if your complaint is accepted for investigation, the OCR may discuss offers to informally resolve the complaint, and may, to the extent appropriate, facilitate an informal resolution process with the involvement of affected stakeholders.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Samuel Peterson of my staff at (202) 564-5393 or via e-mail at peterson.samuel@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Assistant Director
Office of Civil Rights

cc: Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office
(MC 2399A)

Samuel Coleman
Deputy Civil Rights Official
EPA Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue
Suite 1200
Mail Code: 6RA
Dallas, Texas 75202



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Certified Mail #: 7004-1160-0002-3622-6093

In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 13R-14-R6

(b) (6)

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received your complaint on September 16, 2014, alleging that the Albuquerque Air Quality Division and Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board have violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VI), 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 7.

The OCR is responsible for processing and investigating complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. Pursuant to the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, the OCR will review the complaint for acceptance, rejection, or referral to another Federal agency. 40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(1). Once this jurisdictional review is completed, the OCR will notify you about its decision.

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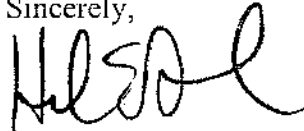
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In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Samuel Peterson of my staff at (202) 564-5393 or via e-mail at peterson.samuel@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Assistant Director
Office of Civil Rights

cc: Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office
(MC 2399A)

Samuel Coleman
Deputy Civil Rights Official
EPA Region 6
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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 13R-14-R6

Dona Upson, M.D., Chairperson
Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board
P.O. Box 1293
One Civic Plaza, N.W.
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Dr. Upson:

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received a complaint on September 16, 2014, alleging that the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board has violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VI), 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 7.

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Sincerely,

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Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Assistant Director
Office of Civil Rights

cc: Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office
(MC 2399A)

Samuel Coleman
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Certified Mail #: 7004-1160-0002-3622-6116

In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 13R-14-R6

Mary Lou Leonard
Environmental Health Director
Albuquerque Air Quality Division
1 Civic Plaza, N.W.
P.O. Box 1293
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Ms. Leonard:

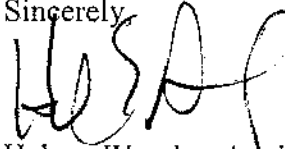
This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received a complaint on September 16, 2014, alleging that the Albuquerque Air Quality Division has violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VI), 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 7.

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Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Assistant Director
Office of Civil Rights

cc: Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office
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Samuel Coleman
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Certified Mail #: 7004-1160-0002-3522-6154

In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 14R-14-R4

(b) (6)

West End Revitalization Association
P.O. Box 661
Mebane, North Carolina 27302

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6) :

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received your complaint on September 18, 2014, alleging that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VI), 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 7.

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- To the Department of Justice or other Federal and State agencies when necessary to complete an investigation, enforce the nondiscrimination statutes set forth in the Authority section of this Notice, or assure proper coordination between Federal agencies.

- To persons named as alleged discriminating officials to allow such persons the opportunity to respond to the allegations of discrimination made against them during the course of the discrimination complaint process.
- To any potential source of information when necessary to obtain information relevant to an OCR investigation of a discrimination complaint, but only to the extent necessary to inform the source of the Purpose(s) of the request and to identify the type of information requested.

The EPA's nondiscrimination regulations also provide that the OCR must attempt to resolve complaints informally whenever possible (40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(2)). Accordingly, if your complaint is accepted for investigation, the OCR may discuss offers to informally resolve the complaint, and may, to the extent appropriate, facilitate an informal resolution process with the involvement of affected stakeholders.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Samuel Peterson of my staff at (202) 564-5393 or via e-mail at peterson.samuel@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Assistant Director
Office of Civil Rights

cc: Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office
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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No: 14R-14-R4

Sarah Mitchell, Process Agent
North Carolina Department of Transportation
Transportation Building
1 S. Wilmington St
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received a complaint on September 18, 2014, alleging that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VI), 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 7.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helena', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Assistant Director
Office of Civil Rights

cc: Elise Packard,
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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 16NO-14-R5

(b) (6)

Oneida, Wisconsin 54155

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b) (6)

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received your complaint on October 14, 2014. The OCR is responsible for processing and investigating complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. Pursuant to the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, the OCR will review the complaint for acceptance, rejection, or referral to another Federal agency. 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) §7.120(d)(1). Once this jurisdictional review is completed, the OCR will notify you about its decision.

If your complaint is accepted for investigation, it may become necessary for the OCR to reveal your identity to the entities in which your complaint is against. The EPA currently follows the Privacy Act, EPA-21 System of Record Routine Uses. You can further review this information at <http://www.epa.gov/privacy/notice/epa-21.htm>. This means regarding your rights and protection that the EPA is permitted to disclose this information without receiving your prior written consent to the following:

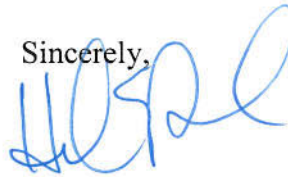
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In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Brittany Martinez of my staff at (202) 564-0727 or via e-mail at artinez.brittany@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Assistant Director

cc: Elise Packard
Associate General Counsel
Civil Rights & Finance Law Office
(MC 2399A)

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EPA File No: 20R-14-R4

(b) (6)

Chattanooga, Tennessee 37415

Re: Request for Clarification of Correspondence

Dear (b) (6)

This is to notify you that on November 6, 2014, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received your correspondence (dated July 3, 2014), from the Federal Coordination and Compliance Section, Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). The correspondence alleges that the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Board has violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VI), 42 United States Code (U.S.C) 2000d *et seq.*, and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 Code of Federal Regulation (C.F.R) Part 7.

As your correspondence was addressed to the DOJ and then was referred to the EPA, the EPA OCR needs to confirm that it is your intent that the correspondence be received by the EPA as a complaint alleging violation of the EPA Title VI regulations.


To be accepted for investigation, a complaint must meet the jurisdictional requirements described in the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations. First, it must be in writing. Second, it must describe an alleged discriminatory act that, if true, would violate the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations (*i.e.*, an alleged discriminatory act based on race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability). Third, it must be filed within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act. Finally, the complaint must be filed against an applicant for, or recipient of, the EPA assistance that allegedly committed the discriminatory act. 40 C.F.R. § 7.15.

Your correspondence as received does not provide the OCR with enough information to complete the review to determine whether the OCR can process it as a complaint. To further assist us in our review of the correspondence, please provide the OCR with the following information within 15 calendar days of your receipt of this letter:

1. A description of the alleged discriminatory act(s) committed by the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Air Pollution Board.

2. Date(s) of the alleged discriminatory act(s) committed by the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Air Pollution Board that occurred within 180 calendar days of the date that you filed this complaint (July 3, 2014).

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this correspondence, please contact Samuel Peterson of my staff at (202) 564-5393 or via e-mail at peterson.samuel@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Assistant Director
Office of Civil Rights

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